

Rohypnol





Learning Objectives

- Identify from a list the chemical name for Rohypnol and the family of drugs it belongs to.
- Recognize the ways that Rohypnol can effect the human body.



What is Rohypnol?

- Rohypnol (chemical name - flurizrazepam) is a sedative that is more than ten times as strong as Valium.
- Rohypnol belongs to the benzodiazepines family
- Rohypnol is known as a "Date Rape Drug" due to its association with sexual assaults.



What is Rohypnol?

- Rohypnol is produced and marketed by Roche Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Swiss based Health Care Company.
- Rohypnol is available as a small, white tablet in 1 mg, or 2 mg doses with Roche inscribed into the pill.
- The consumption, possession and/or distribution of Rohypnol in



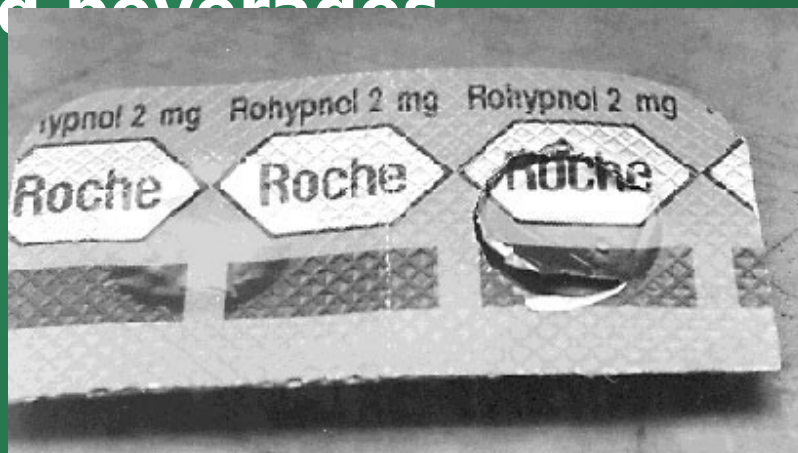
Rohypnol tablets are white and are single- or cross-scored on one side with "ROCHE" and "1" or "2" encircled on the other.



What is Rohypnol?

Because Rohypnol is odorless, colorless, and tasteless when dissolved in alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, LaRoche has begun to add additional properties to the pill. These properties within the pill:

- Cause light colored drinks to turn blue.
- Dissolve slowly and form small chunks in dark colored beverages



How is Rohypnol Consumed?

- Rohypnol is almost always ingested orally in either the pill form or dissolved in a beverage.
- Rohypnol, in its powder form, can also be snorted.
- The effects of Rohypnol can be felt 15-30 minutes after ingestion.
- The effects of the drug can be felt for up to 35 hours after ingestion.





Rohypnol – General Information

- Rohypnol is sometimes used as an “alcohol extender” in combination with beer and other alcoholic beverages.
- Poly-drug users sometimes ingest Rohypnol to enhance low-quality heroin or to counteract the effects of a cocaine binge.
- Long time Rohypnol users may develop a tolerance for the drug, which could lead to physical dependence and severe withdrawal symptoms.



Effects of Rohypnol

- ❑ **Disinhibition**
- ❑ **Slurred Speech**
- ❑ **Muscle Relaxation**
- ❑ **Aggressive Behavior**
- ❑ **Fearlessness**
- ❑ **Disorientation**
- ❑ **Amnesia**



Though typically white in color, flunitrazepam pills recently seized in Egypt were of a brownish-pink tint, indicating a counterfeit product.

- ❑ **Impaired Judgment**
- ❑ **Respiratory Distress**
- ❑ **Loss of Motor Skills**
- ❑ **Blackouts (can last 8-24 hours)**
- ❑ **Dizziness/Nausea**
- ❑ **Overdose**
- ❑ **Death**





Rohypnol Testing in the Army

- Rohypnol is extremely difficult to detect more than 4 hours after ingestion.
- A division of Hoffman-LaRoche has developed a special program to assist medical and law enforcement personnel to test for the presence of Rohypnol in the blood and urine specimen from rape victims.
- The Army does not test for Rohypnol on a regular basis.





Additional Information

Additional information on cocaine can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting www.acsap.army.mil.





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uty: Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

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xcellence: Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!